



Central Oklahoma Chapter

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Next Chapter Meeting



When: Thursday, November, 20th

Location: Kelsey's Residence

Address: 6417 Urschel Ct, Oklahoma City, OK 73132

Time: 8:30 AM

Technical: The location is Kelsey's house. The technical is in two parts: Kelsey will show us her tools and techniques for detailing pianos, including polishing strings, cleaning soundboards, polishing keys and key pins. We are each asked to bring our own favorite cleaning tools to share in the lesson. The other part of the technical is about determining when a piano is not worth fixing and how we might communicate about that with the client. One of the pianos we will be evaluating together is an 1855 Broadwood 8½ ft grand.



Our Central Oklahoma PTG Chapter Officers:

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Doug Snook, RPT

President's Message

Fall is finally in the air for those of us who live in Central Oklahoma. For most of us this is the start of one of the busiest times of the year for piano technicians. As the humidity begins its downward spiral many musicians are noticing that their pianos don't sound the same or perhaps play as smoothly as they did over the summer months. At the same time church and school music directors are remembering that they need to have their pianos tuned for their fall and winter concerts and services. In the universities there is the need to have the instruments ready for finals week, recitals, juries, and routine semester break maintenance.

Juggling the work schedule for all this can feel like a Tetris game at times. Somehow though, we all usually rise to the challenge, realizing that more work generally means more income, which always comes in handy, especially during the holiday season. There is truly much to be thankful for.

This thanksgiving I give thanks not only for work to do and strength to do it, but for the sense that I am not alone in this job. Because of my involvement in PTG I have folks I can refer others to when the work is beyond my skill set or my availability. There are colleagues to whom I can go for advice on how to handle certain jobs or customer issues. There are times for us to get together and swap stories regarding the challenges (and successes) we face in our work. What a privilege it is to belong to an organization of skilled workers who actually view each other as part of the same team rather than as competitors.

Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving and prosperous November,

Doug Snook, RPT



**Piano Technicians Guild
Central Oklahoma Chapter 731
Meeting Minutes**

8:30 a.m. October 16, 2025



Location: Bruce Piano Shop 13726 N. Lincoln Blvd. Edmond, OK 73013

Members Present: Doug Snook, David Bonham, Norman Cantrell, Bruce Johnson, Jordan Bruce, Gary Bruce, Vince Mrykalo, Kelsey Toole

Opening Prayer: Gary Bruce

Call to Order: 9:03 a.m.

Minutes read by David Bonham. Minutes accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: As of 9/30/2025 Balance unchanged at \$2,728.27.

Old Business: Website Traffic Discussion – seems good to maintain web presence.

UCO Technician Search – they have increased hourly rate by about \$4/hr.

CAUT position discussions – OU, OCU, OC

Newsletter Email List – Motion made by Jordan and seconded by Vince to have

Chapter Presidents write a letter to be sent out by email to current list asking recipients if they would like to continue receiving the monthly newsletter. Also, ask if an evening or weekend meeting time would increase their ability to attend meetings or to keep the current meeting time. Motion passed unanimously. Joe will send out email separate from the newsletter as soon as possible.

Discussion followed about persons interested in piano technician work and the value of attending meetings for new technicians as attested to by “old” technicians who avoided certain pitfalls when starting out through interaction with experienced technicians.

New Business: Doug mentioned the upcoming trip to SWOSU on November 14 for an 11:00 a.m. presentation on Piano Day. Doug, Norman and Gary plan to attend to present piano info.

Discussion about Christmas Party possible date of December 5 or 12, 2025 with location TBD.

November 20, 2025 meeting possibly at Kelsey's with cleaning as technical and observation of Broadwood piano. Future meeting location possible at Larsen Music Co.

Executive Board to meet Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 8:30 at the usual location.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:57 am.

Discussion followed about meeting timetable and sharing time.

The technical topic is what tools and parts to carry in our toolboxes: what we have learned over the years to try to be efficient in what we bring to each job.

Why did the pianist bring a ladder?

To reach the high notes.

Upcoming PTG Events

February 2026

[PTG Board of Directors Winter 2026 Meeting](#)

Starts: Feb 2, 2026 08:00 (CT)

Ends: Feb 4, 2026 12:00 (CT)

Where: PTG Home Office, 4444 Forest Ave, Kansas City, KS 66106

July 2026

[2026 PTG Convention & Technical Institute](#)

Starts: Jul 22, 2026 08:00 (ET)

Ends: Jul 25, 2026 17:00 (ET)

Where: Hyatt Regency Crystal City (Arlington), 2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202

October 2026

[2026 Midwest Regional Conference](#)

Starts: Oct 3, 2026 08:00 (CT)

Ends: Oct 5, 2026 17:00 (CT)

Where: Washington University, 560 Center, St. Louis, MO 63130



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